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NYSA-ILA ASSESSMENT AGREEMENT 201232

This Agreement was made and entered into this 1st day of March 2016, between the New York Shipping Association, Inc. ("NYSA") and the International Longshoremen's Association, AFL-CIO ("ILA").

# WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, on September 24, 2004, the NYSA-ILA Assessment Agreement was entered into between the parties and filed with the Federal Maritime Commission (FMC) as FMC Agreement No. 201162; and

**WHEREAS**, from October 31, 2005 through May 6, 2015, the parties amended the NYSA-ILA Assessment Agreement and filed the amendments with the FMC as FMC Agreement Nos. 201162-001, 201162-002, 201162-003, 201162-004, 201162-005, 201162-006, 201162-007, 201162-008, 201162-009, 201162-010, and 201162-011; and

WHEREAS, in light of the new collective bargaining agreement between the parties covering the period from October 1, 2012, through and including September 30, 2018, and the numerous amendments set forth above, the parties have decided to adopt this new Agreement, which incorporates all the amendments to date into a single agreement;

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and the covenants and agreements herein, the parties hereto agree as follows:

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**ARTICLE I** 

**Purpose** 

This Agreement establishes the assessment program for the funding of obligations arising

under NYSA-ILA collective bargaining agreements. These obligations include fringe benefit

costs and related expenses for pension, welfare, including contributions required under the

Master Contract to the Management-ILA Managed Health Care Trust Fund, guaranteed annual

income costs, vacations, holidays, supplemental cash benefits, and labor contract administrative

costs, including the administrative expenses of NYSA. NYSA-ILA Assessment Agreement

No. 201140 and amendatory agreement No. 201140-001 thereto, which were in effect prior to

October 1, 2004, and Agreement No. 201162 and amendments thereto, which were in effect from

October 1, 2005 to date, are hereby revoked and replaced by this Amended and Restated

Agreement.

**ARTICLE II** 

**DEFINITIONS** 

For purposes of this Agreement, the following definitions shall apply:

Section 1

The term "Assessment Ton" shall mean 2,240 pounds or 40 cubic feet, whichever is

greater, except that an Assessment Ton for any automobile, bus, truck, or other operable, self-

propelled vehicle, machinery, or equipment weighing more than 15,000 pounds that can be

driven on or off a vessel shall be a weight ton of 2,240 pounds only.

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The term "Automobile Assessment" shall mean a unit assessment on automobiles, buses,

trucks, or other operable, self-propelled vehicles, machinery, or equipment weighing no more

than 15,000 pounds that can be driven on or off a vessel. Any automobile, bus, truck, or other

operable, self-propelled vehicle, machinery, or equipment weighing more than 15,000 pounds

that can be driven on or off a vessel shall be assessed at the rate for breakbulk cargo on a weight

ton basis only.

Section 3

The term "Banana Assessment" shall mean a unit assessment on uncontainerized

shipments of bananas at a rate per individual box or carton of bananas. Containerized bananas

shall be subject to the Container Unit Assessments.

Section 4

The term "Bermuda-Trade" shall apply to all cargoes and containers originating in or

destined to Bermuda and shall exclude cargoes and containers which are merely transshipped,

relayed, or restowed in a Bermudian port.

Section 5

The term "Center of the Port" shall mean Columbus Circle in the City, County, and State

of New York.

Section 6

The term "Container" shall mean a receptacle or conveyance for the transport of cargo

that measures at least 20 feet in length. The contents of any smaller receptacle or conveyance

shall be assessed as breakbulk cargo.

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**Section 7** 

The term "Contract Year" shall mean the fiscal year ending September 30.

Section 8

The terms "Domestic Cargo" and "Domestic Trade" shall apply to cargoes and containers

moving in the coastal or intercoastal trades of the United States but shall not include cargoes or

containers moving to or from Puerto Rico, Hawaii, or Alaska, or any other point outside the

continental limits of the United States.

**Section 9** 

The term "Excepted Cargoes" shall include uncontainerized Domestic Cargo,

uncontainerized bagged cocoa, lumber in shipload quantities, bulk cargo (carried without mark

or count, including scrap and sugar), newsprint, and uncontainerized cargoes, such as steel

products, raw unfabricated metals, linerboard, waste paper, cardboard, plywood, printing paper,

and oil drilling rigs, which move in specified minimum lots to be fixed by the NYSA-ILA

Contract Board and which are subject to such other conditions as shall be established by the

NYSA-ILA Contract Board.

**Section 10** 

The term "Excepted Cargo Assessment" shall mean a work-hour assessment applicable to

all hours worked in or relating to the handling of Excepted Cargoes.

Section 11

The term "House Container" shall mean a container handled at a waterfront facility in the

Port intact without stuffing or stripping.

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**Section 12** 

The term "House Container Outside 260 Miles" shall mean either (1) a loaded export

House Container that originates from a shipper at a point on the North American mainland that is

more than 260 highway miles from the Center of the Port and is received at the gate of the

marine terminal in the Port after transport by truck from its origin point to the Port or (2) a

loaded import House Container that enters the Port at a berth after transport by vessel and is

destined to be delivered to a consignee by truck at a point on the North American mainland that

is more than 260 highway miles from the Center of the Port.

**Section 13** 

The term "House Container Within 260 Miles" shall mean either (1) a loaded export

House Container that originates from a shipper at a point on the North American mainland that is

260 highway miles or fewer highway miles from the Center of the Port and is received at the gate

of the marine terminal in the Port after transport by truck from its origin point to the Port or (2) a

loaded import House Container that enters the Port at a berth after transport by vessel and is

destined to be delivered to a consignee by truck at a point on the North American mainland that

is 260 highway miles or fewer highway miles from the Center of the Port.

Section 14

The term "Inland Container" shall mean a container delivered to a waterfront facility in

the Port other than by water and transported other than by water to another port for export or an

import container discharged in another port other than a United States West Coast port and

delivered to a waterfront facility in the Port other than by water for delivery to a consignee.

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**Section 15** 

The term "Mafi" shall mean a non-self-propelled open receptacle or conveyance used for

transporting cargo from a terminal onto a ship or from a ship onto a terminal that is not permitted

on a public road and that measures at least 20 feet in length.

**Section 16** 

The term "Military Cargo" shall mean cargo owned by or transported for the account of

the Armed Forces of the United States.

Section 17

The term "Military Container" shall mean a container loaded with Military Cargo.

Section 18

The term "Passenger Assessment" shall mean a work-hour assessment applicable to

hours worked in passenger operations, where the carrier's revenue is derived almost exclusively

from the sale of passenger accommodations.

Section 19

The term "Pier-Container" shall mean a container which is stuffed or stripped at a

waterfront facility in the Port by longshore employees covered by NYSA-ILA collective

bargaining agreements.

Section 20

The term "Port" shall mean the Port of New York and New Jersey.

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**Section 21** 

The term "Puerto-Rico-Trade" shall apply to all cargoes and containers originating in or

originating in or destined to Puerto Rico and shall exclude cargoes and containers which are

merely transshipped, relayed, or restowed in a Puerto Rican port.

**Section 22** 

The term "Restowed Container" shall mean an in-transit loaded or empty container not

consigned to the Port which in the same handling operation in the Port is unloaded from a vessel

and then reloaded onto the same vessel for carriage to a final United States or foreign port of

discharge.

Section 23

The term "Tonnage Assessment" shall mean the assessment on a tonnage basis applicable

to Tonnage Assessable Cargoes.

Section 24

The term "Tonnage Assessable Cargoes" shall mean all uncontainerized breakbulk cargo

transported by vessel in the Port that is not subject to any other special assessment, including but

not limited to livestock; yachts; perishable fruit; and automobiles, buses, trucks, or other

operable, self-propelled vehicles, machinery, or equipment weighing in excess of 15,000 pounds

that can be driven on or off a vessel.

Section 25

The term "Transshipped or Relayed Container" shall mean an in-transit loaded container

not consigned to the Port which is transferred from one vessel to another vessel in the Port for

carriage to a final United States or foreign port of discharge.

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Section 26

The term "Vessel" shall mean a ship, boat, barge, or other craft, whether or not self-

propelled, used for the transport of cargo by water.

Section 27

The term "Rail Container" shall mean either (1) an import House Container loaded with

cargo that enters the Port after being transported by vessel and which is delivered to the

consignee by rail, or (2) an export House Container loaded with cargo which is received at the

gate of a marine terminal in the Port after transport by rail from its inland origin point.

Section 28

The term "Waste Container" shall mean a container used to carry municipal solid waste.

**ARTICLE III** 

ASSESSMENTS

**Section 1 - Special Assessments** 

The NYSA-ILA Contract Board shall establish the rates for the following special

assessments: Automobile Assessment, Banana Assessment, Excepted Cargo Assessment, Mafi

Assessment, Passenger Assessment, and Tonnage Assessment. The rates for these special

assessments in effect under this Agreement, with the exception of the Mafi Assessment, are set

forth in Exhibit A attached hereto. The rates for the Mafi Assessment are set forth in Article III,

Section 3.

**Section 2 - Container Unit Assessments** 

Containerized cargoes shall be assessed on a per container basis each time the container

is loaded on or unloaded from a vessel in the Port. The Container Unit Assessments shall be

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established by the NYSA-ILA Contract Board. The Container Unit Assessments in effect under

this Agreement are set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto.

The categories for "Containers Loaded with Wastepaper, Cardboard, Used Clothing or

Rags," "Military Containers" and "Pier-Containers" have been eliminated, and a container

previously assessed in these categories, except for a "Pier-Container" shall be assessed as any

other containerized cargo. A Pier-Container shall be assessed as a House Container Within 260

Miles.

For the period from October 1, 2012, through and including July 31, 2013, all House

Containers Within 260 Miles in all trades, except in the Bermuda-Trade, shall be assessed at

\$100.00 per container. The assessment rate per House Container Within 260 Miles in the

Bermuda-Trade and the assessment rate per Empty Container in the Bermuda-Trade shall be

\$25.00.

Effective August 1, 2013, all House Containers Within 260 Miles in all trades, except in

the Bermuda-Trade, shall be assessed at \$94.00 per container. The assessment rate per House

Container Within 260 Miles in the Bermuda-Trade and the assessment rate per Empty Container

in the Bermuda-Trade shall continue to be \$25.00.

House Containers Outside 260 Miles in all trades shall be assessed at \$21.00 per

container.

Effective, March 1, 2015, loaded Waste Containers shall be assessed at the rate of \$17.20

per container when transferred from barge-to-rail. In addition, empty Waste Containers shall be

assessed at the rate of \$17.20 when transferred from rail-to-barge.

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Restowed Containers and empty containers transshipped or relayed by barge are not

subject to any Container Unit Assessment.

Section 3 - Mafi Assessment

A Mafi shall be assessed as follows: (1) a Mafi with forty-three or fewer long tons of

cargo shall be assessed a unit charge of \$150; (2) a Mafi that transports more that forty-three

long tons of cargo shall be assessed on a Tonnage Assessment basis; (3) an empty Mafi shall be

assessed a unit charge of \$40; and (4) a stack of empty Mafis, up to a maximum of four, shall be

assessed at \$40 per stack.

Section 4 - Adjustments

The NYSA-ILA Contract Board may adjust prospectively the Container Unit

Assessments and Special Assessments from time-to-time on the basis of experience with respect

to costs, hours, tonnages, and other relevant facts. An adjustment may be an increase or a

decrease in rates or other assessment changes. Any adjustment shall be effective for future

periods on such date as the Contract Board shall establish.

**Section 5 - Savings Clause** 

All tonnage definitions, measurement conversion factors, excepted cargo categories, and

special assessments in effect under NYSA-ILA Tonnage Assessment Agreement No. LM-86,

NYSA-ILA Assessment Agreement No. 201-000091, NYSA-ILA Assessment Agreement No.

201-011077, NYSA-ILA Assessment Agreement No. 201-200063, NYSA-ILA Assessment

Agreement No. 201140, and NYSA-ILA Assessment Agreement No. 201162 shall continue in

effect under this Agreement except as expressly modified herein.

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ARTICLE IV

COLLECTIONS

Section 1

Each carrier (both private and governmental) shall be solely responsible for the payment

of any assessments provided for in this Agreement. Any direct employer who performs work for

any carrier that has not subscribed to the NYSA-ILA collective bargaining agreements, including

this Assessment Agreement, shall be responsible for those assessments that should have been

paid by such carrier. The ILA may refuse to supply labor to work the vessels or cargo of any

carrier which has failed to comply with the provisions of this Assessment Agreement or to work

for any direct employer that has failed to pay the assessments of non-subscribing carriers.

**Section 2** 

The assessments provided for in this Agreement shall be paid to NYSA for transmittal to

the NYSA-ILA Fringe Benefits Escrow Fund, after deduction therefrom of those portions

designed to fund pension obligations and NYSA administrative expenses. The pension portion

shall be paid by NYSA directly to the NYSA-ILA Pension Trust Fund and NYSA-ILA Money

Purchase Pension Fund and Plan. The portion designed to fund NYSA's administrative expenses

shall be retained by NYSA, and the union members of the Contract Board shall have no voice in

the amount or use of that part of the assessments raised for the administrative support of NYSA.

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# **ARTICLE V**

#### ADMINISTRATION

#### Section 1

The administration and implementation of this Assessment Agreement shall reside in the NYSA-ILA Contract Board. The Contract Board shall have all powers necessary to implement this Agreement including, but not limited to, the following:

- (a) To require the filing by carriers and direct employers of such reports on work-hours, container movements, and tonnages as it may deem necessary;
- (b) To provide the time and conditions under which assessment payments are to be made, as well as to require such surety bonds from carriers, carrier agents, and direct employers as may be necessary to assure payment of the assessments provided for in this Agreement;
- (c) To carry out the provisions of this Agreement, including but not limited to, the fixing and modification of the assessment rates and charges provided for in article III of this Agreement;
- (d) To provide for the audit of any assessment reports, to collect deficiencies indicated by such audits, and to set up procedures to assure proper reporting and payment;
- (e) To issue interpretations and rulings with respect to any of the provisions of this Agreement; and,
- (f) To provide hearings meeting all the reasonable requirements of due process to any and all persons desiring to be heard on any assessment issue.

# **Section 2**

The Contract Board is empowered to modify the assessments, rates, and charges provided for in this Agreement, to alleviate peculiar and isolated hardships for specific carriers, trades, or

commodities by exempting them in whole or in part from any of the assessments provided for in

this Agreement, to modify the definition of an Assessment Ton with respect to any specific

cargo, to devise conversion factors determining the cubic measurement of any specific cargo, to

develop factors or formulae for determining work-hours, tonnages, or other data necessary to

facilitate the imposition and collection of the assessments prescribed in this Agreement, and to

establish special assessments for specific cargoes. The Contract Board shall have the right to

take these actions upon its own motion or pursuant to a request filed by any carrier, direct

employer, or other interested party. Any such request should be properly supported by statistical

or other proof. In hearing and determining such requests, the Contract Board shall take into

consideration all pertinent factors, including but not limited to:

(a) prevention of any potential diversion of cargo from the

Port;

(b) maintenance of equitable and non-discriminatory rules with

respect to all cargo;

(c) assurance that any assessment charges bear a reasonable

relationship to responsibility for fringe benefit costs;

(d) continued ability to meet obligations under the NYSA-ILA

collective bargaining agreements; and;

(e) encouragement of the utilization of longshore labor in the

Port.

**Section 3** 

Decisions of the Contract Board under this Agreement shall be final and binding and

shall have the same force and effect as an arbitration award. Any matter resulting in a deadlock

vote on the Contract Board shall be referred to immediate arbitration in accordance with the

grievance and arbitration provisions of the NYSA-ILA collective bargaining agreements.

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**ARTICLE VI** 

EFFECTIVE DATE

Section 1

This Agreement shall become effective on October 1, 2012 unless otherwise stated and

shall continue in effect for the term of the current NYSA-ILA Collective Bargaining Agreement

and all succeeding extensions or agreements. Either party, however, shall have the right to

renegotiate this Agreement whenever the NYSA-ILA Collective Bargaining Agreement expires

and is subject to renegotiation.

**Section 2** 

If for any reason this Agreement may not be implemented as written because of any

governmental action, the ILA shall have the right upon 60 days' written notice to cancel this

Agreement and to renegotiate a new agreement on the method of funding fringe benefits. If

agreement is not reached within such 60 day period, the ILA shall have the right not to work, and

NYSA employers shall have the right not to order in ILA employees for work. The provisions of

this section shall not be arbitrable.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the parties hereto have executed this Agreement by their

principal officers on the day and year first above written.

NEW YORK SHIPPING ASSOCIATION, INC.

INTERNATIONAL LONGSHOREMEN'S

ASSOCIATION, AFL-CIO

By

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# SECRETARY'S CERTIFICATE

APR 15 2016

I, Barbara M. North, Executive Secretary of the NYSA-ILA Contract Board, hereby certify that at a meeting of the NYSA-ILA Contract Board held on March 22, 2016, the members voted for and adopted the following amendment to the NYSA-ILA Assessment Agreement dated March 1, 2016, subsequently designated by the Federal Maritime Commission as Agreement No. 201232:

**RESOLVED:** 

That effective May 1, 2016, House Containers Within 260 Miles in all trades except in the Bermuda-Trade shall be assessed at \$89.00 per container. House Containers Within 260 miles in the Bermuda-Trade shall continue to be assessed at \$25.00 per container.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and seal on this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2016.

Barbara M. North

# **ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Before me, on April 13, 2016, personally came Barbara M. North, known to me and known as the Executive Secretary of the NYSA-ILA Contract Board, and in my presence, she executed the foregoing document and acknowledged that she executed the same.

Notary Public

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CHARLES WARD
Notary Public, State of New York
No. 01WA4674428
Qualified in Sutiolk County
Commission Expires October 31,

# EXHIBIT A NYSA-ILA Assessment Agreement Dated March 1, 2016

# I. Container Assessments

	Assessment
House Containers Within 260 Miles –	
Bermuda -Trade	\$25.00 – Eff. 10/1/12
All Other Trades – 10/1/12 through 7/31/13\$100	\$94.00 – Eff. 8/1/13
House Containers Outside 260 Miles	\$21.00 – Eff. 10/1/12
Empty Container –	
Bermuda -Trade	\$25.00 – Eff. 10/1/12
All Other Trades	\$40.00 - Eff. 10/1/12
Transshipped or Relayed Containers	\$25.00 – Eff. 10/1/12
Inland Containers	\$55.00 – Eff. 10/1/12
Rail Containers	\$10.00 – Eff. 10/1/12

The categories for "Containers Loaded with Wastepaper, Cardboard, Used Clothing or Rags," "Military Containers" and "Pier-Containers" have been eliminated, and a container previously assessed in these categories, except for a "Pier-Container" shall be assessed as any other containerized cargo. A Pier-Container shall be assessed as a House Container Within 260 Miles.

### **II. Waste Container Assessments**

	<b>Assessment</b> – Eff. 3/1/15
Waste Containers –	
Barge-to-Rail (full)	\$17.20
Rail-to-Barge (empty)	\$17.20

# **III. Special Assessments**

	Assessment – Eff.10/1/12
Automobile Assessment (per each automobile, bus, truck or other operable, self-propelled vehicle, machinery or equipment weighing no more than 15,000 lbs that can be driven on or off a vessel.)	\$8.15
Banana Assessment (per box or carton for uncontainerized shipments)	\$.09
Excepted Cargo Assessment (per work-hour)	\$14.00
Passenger Assessment (per work-hour)	\$14.00
Tonnage Assessment (Breakbulk Cargo – per Assessment Ton)	\$6.00
Mafi Assessment	See Article III, Section 3.